



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Seizes Huge Amount of Cocaine during the month of October

An October traffic stop by Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Highway Patrol Officers assisting a federal agency resulted in the seizure of 50 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$500,000. DPS officers seized an additional pound and a half of cocaine in another October traffic stop bringing the total to 51.5 pounds for the month.

This traffic stop, which occurred October 3<sup>rd</sup>, took place along Interstate 17 near Camp Verde. The cocaine was stored along with a legitimate load inside the back of a commercial vehicle.

DPS Highway Patrol Officers also seized more than 11 pounds of methamphetamine in three separate traffic stops in the month of October.

“ We are stopping drug couriers across the state. This activity is not confined to just one area. DPS officers are increasingly vigilant and committed to arresting those involved in the proliferation of these dangerous drugs,” said Roger Vanderpool, Director of DPS.

As a result of DPS’ tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.

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